pects relating to the setting up of the Institutes was also discussed. All these recommendations are being further examined.

Adoption of franked mail concept

1549. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the mounting losses being sustained by the Department of Posts in its operations, Government have at any stage, considered the desirability of adopting the Franked Mail concept; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Franking machines are already in use in the Post Offices in India for a long time. The use of franking machines helps in economising on the cost of printing and selling postage stamps. The Department encourages the use of Franking machines by licensing these machines for use at the promises of owners of these machines for pre-payment of postage. A rebate of 3 per cent of postage franked is also granted to the users of franking machines.

(b) Does not arise.

राजस्थान में प्रौद्योगिकी संबंधी प्रदर्शनी का लगाया जाना

1550. श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में प्रौद्योगिकी संबंधी एक प्रदर्शनी लगाई जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जिलावार लगाई जाने वाली ऐसी प्रदर्शनियों की संख्या क्या है ;

(ग) इन प्रदर्शनियों में किन-किन विशेष क्षेत्रों को प्रदर्शित किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "ना" हो तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रानिकी और अंतरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. आर. नारायणन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) : प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(घ) इस प्रकार की प्रदर्शनियां वित्तीय साधनों की उपलब्धता के अनुसार राज्य सरकार के अनुरोध आदि सहित विभिन्न मुद्दों को ध्यान में रखते हुए आयोजित की जाती हैं । राजस्थान में प्रौद्योगिकीय प्रदर्शनी के आयोजन करने का वर्तमान में कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Pacemarker machine at RML hospital

1551. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the reasons for which the machine required to help the pacemaker implementation was not working at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi when it was required for the Minister for Labour recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): The machines required for implementation of pace-maker to Shri Bindeshwari Dubey, Hon'ble Minister for Labour were in working order and Hon'ble Minister was treated successfully under the same machine.

Withdrawal of permission to CBI to investigate cases in Karnataka

1552. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Karnataka Government had withdrawn the blanket permission given to the CBI to investigate any case in that State;

(b) if so, whether Government have now taken any decision to allow CBI to investigate cases in that State; and

(c) whether Government propose to defer referring of the cases in that State to the CBI, till the popular Government is installed there since it is a policy decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) On 12th February, 1981 the Government of Karnataka accorded consent under section 6 of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act for investigation of offences under 28 Acts, including the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947. On 23rd May, 1989 Government of Karnataka has accorded consent for investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Branch of Kendriya Bhandar in Aram Bagh

1533. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no branch of Kendriya Bhandar has been opened so far in the Aram Bagh Government Colony, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Accommodation is yet to be allotted for this purpose.

(c) It will be opened as and when accommodation is made available by the Directorate of Estates.

Indentity of holders of Swiss Bank accounts regarding Boffors deal pay-offs

1554. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested the Swiss Government to act under clause 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed between India and Switzerland, to find out identities of the holders of the Swiss Bank accounts, into which the pay-offs in regard to Bofors-Howitzer gun deal had been deposited;

(b) if so, when this request was made;

(c) what has been the response from the Swiss Government thereto; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 23rd February, 1989.

(c) The request was declined by Swiss authorities.

(d) It has been decided to continue the investigation.

जबलपुर, मध्य प्रदेश में रक्षा कर्मचारियों के लिए अस्पताल

1555. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जबलपुर (मध्य प्रदेश) में रक्षा संस्थानों के कर्मचारियों के लिए अस्पताल के निर्माण का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?